

TEX RICKARD HAS ROUGH SURF TO PENETRATE BEFORE PROPOSED BIG FIGHT IS STAGED

RICKARD ABOUT TO SIDETRACK JESS FOR DARCY, BUT CURLEY APPEARS, AND TROUBLE BEGINS

Willard's Business Agent Also to Attend to Australian's Affairs Here and Tex in Danger of Hold-Up Either Way

FINANCIAL affairs are great stuff. The anti-trust statutes always go big in certain sections, the eight-hour law has it all over this sunrise-to-sunset laboring stunt, but to get the real, unadorned dope on how to conduct business affairs without the expenditure of bulging piles of bullion and short business hours, still remaining inside the law by a safe margin, the boxing promoter must be considered. This literary outburst, or whatever it is, is caused by the late developments in the big scrap which might be staged by Tex Rickard between Georges Carpentier and Jess Willard—perhaps—or Les Darcy—perhaps again. Rickard is anxious to put on this match and has promised the Frenchman the equivalent of \$45,000 for thirty minutes' work. He offered Willard \$50,000, but Big Jess and his managers—principally his managers—are holding out for a mere trifle like \$75,000 and a liberal percentage of the gate receipts. Rickard laughed at the absurd figures and said he didn't care whether Willard boxed or not, as a young gentleman named Darcy was stoking his way from Australia to Frisco, and if he lived to reach the end of his journey he would be glad to take Willard's place and battle Carpentier. Anyway, quoth Tex, Darcy would be a bigger drawing card than the world's champion. This announcement did not create the consternation which was intended, however, as Jack Curley, the ten per cent manager of the champ, just shrugged his shoulders and smiled a knowing smile.

Curley Cannot Lose Either Way

NOW here is where the frenzied finance, anti-trust and other stuff comes in. Curley did not bat an eyelash when told that Willard would be sidetracked. Nor did he ask for less than \$75,000 as Willard's share or appear perturbed when Darcy's name was mentioned. He allowed Rickard to talk himself out and boost Darcy to the skies, and at the end made the startling announcement that he was managing the Australian and would talk business as soon as his man arrived in the United States. It became known through a dispatch from Chicago last night that Curley closed a contract with Jack Kearns, Darcy's manager, some time ago, agreeing to handle the boxer's business in this country and have an equal interest. In this manner Jack cannot possibly lose, no matter how things turn out. If Willard boxes he—meaning Curley—will get ten per cent. If Les goes on he will get more than that. It's heads I win and tails you lose in the game Curley now is playing with Rickard. And don't forget that Jack will hold out for a fat sum for Darcy's services. Those guys who cornered the egg market now can take a seat in the rear.

One Runs Away From War; Other Leaves Reluctantly

IT WOULD be interesting if Carpentier and Darcy were hooked up for that ten-round bout. The French champion is a member of the aviation corps and has been decorated for bravery on several occasions. He has taken part in hundreds of battles in the air, is the national hero and places his country above everything else in the world. It is because of a desire to be of further assistance to France that he listened to Rickard's proposals. He is not boxing for money. Instead, he will give his share of the purse, some \$25,000, to the war relief fund to help the widows and children in his native land. Carpentier is a true patriot, a man who seems willing and anxious to lay down his life for his country. In direct contrast to this, however, take the case of Darcy. This pugilist has lined fame in Australia and was a national figure, but lost much of his prestige when he failed to head the call to his colors. He declined to carry a musket in the Great War, and when the authorities decided to force him to go he slunk out of the country under cover of darkness and hid in the hold of a vessel bound for San Francisco. Darcy and his managers evidently believe that boxing in America is more safe and profitable—mostly the latter—than risking one's life on the battlefield. Carpentier knows all about Darcy's desertion, and it would not be at all surprising if he refused to meet him in the ring.

Willard Is Not at All Anxious to Fight

CHAMPION WILLARD does not seem anxious to battle with Carpentier. He has asked a fortune for his services, knowing that Rickard will not accept his terms. Tex has announced that "he will not be bled by Willard or any one else." He has the match appears to be off, unless different arrangements are made. This proposed bout has put a crimp in Jess's plans for the winter, as a gang of sports some place in the West had put up a \$45,000 purse for a match with Fred Fulton. Willard wants to meet Fulton and has had him in mind for more than a year. He knows that Fred would be easy, and easy marks are what the champ is looking for. Tom Jones has admitted time and again that Fulton is the greatest fighter in the world and is the logical successor to Willard, but those who have seen the plater in action do not agree with the spendthrift manager. The chances are that Fulton will be taken on, regardless of the outcome of the Carpentier match, for it is too soft a proposition to overlook. It will be remembered that Fulton ran out of a match with Frank Moran in St. Paul on December 22, stating as his reason that he was matched with Willard and did not care to risk hurting his hands. Fred needn't worry about his hands. His jaw isn't very strong, either.

Gaston Developed Two Stars for 1917

HAROLD GASTON insists that Ferd Eble and Brandt Wheeler, of the scrubs, will clinch regular backfield positions at Penn next fall. Eble was ineligible this year, while Wheeler did not report until the second week of November owing to injuries received last summer. Wheeler was on the scrub team less than a week before he was promoted to the varsity, and the only reason he was not given a chance in the West Virginia Wesleyan game was that it would cut a year off his eligibility standing if he played even a minute with the varsity this season. As it stands, Wheeler is eligible for three more years of varsity football. He is the most graceful and natural football player Penn has had in years, barring Berry. Gaston insists that Eble was the best back on Franklin Field throughout the fall, and the varsity coaches agree with the scrub mentor.

May Be More Opposition for Major Leagues

THAT a third big league may be organized out of the International League and American Association will be decided at the annual meeting of the A. A. at Indianapolis today. Rumors that another major league would take the field this season have been emanating from Chicago for some time. Ban Johnson, president of the American League, apparently is not opposed to a third major circuit, as he has made several suggestions in case of this event. Baltimore, Newark, Buffalo and Toronto, of the International League, and Toledo, Milwaukee, Indianapolis and Louisville, of the American Association, are the cities mentioned in the proposed organization. Ban Johnson says this circuit would do much to revive interest in the game in certain of those cities.

Ziegler Helping Penn Prepare for Oregon

GUS ZIEGLER, former All-American guard, who assisted Andy Smith with the University of California eleven this fall, had a long talk with Coach Fowell last night. California played the University of Oregon two games this fall and Ziegler picked up quite a lot of valuable information about Penn's opponents in the game at Pasadena on New Year's Day. Ziegler was asked to assist Harold Gaston with the scrubs. They will teach the scrub team the Oregon plays and a daily scrimmage will be held next week in order to prepare Penn for a powerful offense. According to Ziegler, the Oregon offense is wonderful, but the defense is not strong enough to stop Penn. If Oregon can hold the ball long enough it is sure to trouble the Red and Blue, but if the Quakers get off to a flying start, Ziegler believes that they will win with a little to spare.

Yale and Penn Not to Play on Gridiron in 1917

YALE is looking for easier opponents than Penn, and as the Eli also plans to shorten her gridiron schedule it has been announced definitely at New Haven that the Quaker eleven will not appear on the Bulldogs' schedule in 1917. However, Coach Bob Fowell's sojourn in New Haven was not in vain, as it is almost positive that the ancient rivals will resume football relations within the next few years, with prospects for a battle in 1918.

ACCORDING to rumors, Brown plans to drop Colgate and Rutgers from its schedule. Dropping Colgate after the overwhelming defeat at the hands of Wakefield's team would not make much of a bit with followers of the gridiron game, but the Providence institution will resume relations with Dartmouth and accept a place for the New Yorkers. No official announcement has been made concerning the Brown-Dartmouth game, but it is said that a contract has been signed calling for the teams to meet at Springfield, Mass., on November 24.

THE magnates of the minor league teams go through with the proposed plan to bar exhibition games with major league teams, it is likely that the National and American League teams will shorten the training season. While the profit is small from exhibition games in the spring, it is enough to cover expenses for the extra time spent in the South, and without the minor leaguers to pick on, the majors would find that the fans of the Southland will not patronize practice games.

ON MONDAY has a difficult job on his hands in his endeavor to develop as good a basketball team as that which represented the University of Pennsylvania last year. The Quakers won the Intercollegiate League championship with a record of 11-1 in 1915-16. The team was led by Captain McNeil, who was promoted to the varsity last season. Only three letters men, however, are expected to play in the 1916-17 season. Captain McNeil and the other two are the only ones who played in the 1915-16 season. The substitutes for last year's team are the only ones who played in the 1915-16 season. The substitutes for last year's team are the only ones who played in the 1915-16 season.

JASPER LEADS BY BIG MARGIN

Camden, Weakened, Has Road Ahead to Overtake the Jewels

GREYSTOCK IS BEATEN

Table with Eastern League Standing: Jersey City, W.I.P.C., Greystock, W.I.P.C., Camden, W.I.P.C., Trenton, W.I.P.C., Reading, W.I.P.C.

SCHEDULE FOR TONIGHT

Trenton at Greystock.

By SPICK HALL

If Roy Steele is lost to the Camden team, as reported yesterday, and Jimmy Brown is going to be out of the lineup for a week, the victory of the Jasper five last night over Greystock at Nonpareil Hall will almost cinch the pennant for the Jewels, provided their quietest is able to remain intact. The Jewels' game against the Greys was decidedly disappointing. It was expected that the contest would be one of the best of the season, but it did not prove to be so. In spite of the fact that the Kensingtonians won by the narrow margin of two points. The whole trouble with the contest last night was that the Greys were out of sync. There were seventeen fouls called on Jasper and twenty-three on Greystock, not a prohibitive number by any means at the same time. The play was slow and the Greys were given a chance to get in some of the best work of the season. Greystock outscored the Jasper club from the field five goals to four. Of the five two-pointers for the down-towners, Alie McWilliams scored three himself besides doing brilliant work on the defense. The only other man to score more than a single basket was Kerr. Jasper's young center, who shot a pair.

Jasper's Big Lead

While a lead of one full game may not seem to the baseball fan to be much of a handicap for the club on the short end, it is a very severe one in a basketball game where only twenty games are to be played and where eleven have already been pulled off. Jasper now has won nine contests in the Eastern League and lost two. Not once have the Jewels been defeated in their own cage, and unless they are weakened by the loss of one or more of their players they will not lose a game at Nonpareil Hall and are not likely to drop many on foreign floors.

The Jasper management has gotten together a combination of excellent individual players, who work together like a well-oiled diesel. Their team work has been above reproach and it is a thing that has carried them to the fore and kept them there throughout the league race thus far. Every man on the team has been imbued with the idea of winning. Unfortunately for the rooters of North Philadelphia, these players realize that to win they must play together. That is the whole secret in a nutshell, and it is a thing that is to be congratulated on having on his club five such dependable men as Sedran, Hough, Kerr, Fox and Friedman.

De Neri Slowly Sinking

It has been announced officially by the mouth of the Eastern League that the De Neri franchise is being sold. The club is in the poor showing the club has made this season. Only one victory has been credited to the club, and in spite of the fighting spirit shown by several members of the team, they have not been able to cope with the other clubs in the circuit. Recently Doc Newman was released to the Trenton club in a trade which involved the transfer of Getsinger, Barlow and Hargrave. This leaves the De Neri team with virtually nothing as far as offensive strength. Consequently something has to be done. The owners of the De Neri club are loath to give the team up, but they feel that the club is a lost cause. It is so small that they are justified in continuing, particularly in view of the poor showing of the five, this year and the poor prospects.

The present owners of the De Neri team have had charge of the club since the beginning of the Eastern League, and are the only men in the circuit who have stayed with their original club. It is said that business men of Trenton may buy the De Neri team and put it in Burlington, where it is recognized as a hot basketball center. This evening the Trenton team will appear at Cooper Battalion Hall against the Greystock five. Doc Newman will play forward for the Potomac team. This will be Doc's first appearance in a Trenton uniform since his release was obtained from De Neri.

Manager Joe Bailey will have his regular quintet on the floor. Sugarman and Furgarty will be at forward, Jack Lawrence will jump center and Ray Cross and Alie McWilliams will take care of the rear stations.

If the Greys can take tonight's game they will be third place with Reading with a percentage of five. Tonight's game will be called at 9 o'clock.

PENN FIVE OPENS SEASON WITH URINUS TOMORROW

Quakers Should Have Little Competition in Match With Collegeville Team

The Penn basketball season opens tomorrow night at Weightman Hall, when the Red and Blue meet the Collegeville team. The strength of the Collegeville aggregation, but it is thought that the up-towners will not give the Red and Blue much of a battle for the honors. Last season Coach Lon Jourdet turned out a team that won the intercollegiate championship in a post-season game with Princeton, but this year, the Quaker tutor faces a hard proposition in whipping together a winning combination, for four of the regulars of the title-holding five will not be available. The following players will start in the contest tomorrow night: Lavis and Connelly forwards; Jafford, center, and Captain McNeil and Emery, guards.

St. Joseph's Cage Men Report

St. Joseph's College, talked up its basketball team for the 1916-17 season. The team was led by Captain McNeil, who was promoted to the varsity last season. Only three letters men, however, are expected to play in the 1916-17 season. Captain McNeil and the other two are the only ones who played in the 1915-16 season. The substitutes for last year's team are the only ones who played in the 1915-16 season.

AMATEUR BASKETBALL NOTES

The St. Charles C. C. team will play with home club, with games at St. Charles, 2222 Sanson street. Consideration should be given to the fact that the team will play with home club, with games at St. Charles, 2222 Sanson street. The O. L. R. third and fourth class teams will play with home club, with games at St. Charles, 2222 Sanson street. Second class team will play with home club, with games at St. Charles, 2222 Sanson street. Woodville school will play with home club, with games at St. Charles, 2222 Sanson street.

AMATEUR STANDING IN JEOPARDY



MAURICE E. McLAUGHLIN

PENN HAS TWO GAMES BOOKED WITH ELI NINE

Bulldogs Play on Franklin Field April 14—Quakers at New Haven May 12

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 8.—A busy baseball season for the Yale team has been mapped out by the schedule committee, the roster including twenty-seven games, eleven at home and sixteen abroad. The season will open on April 5 against Trinity at Durham, N. C., and this will be the opening contest of the four-games series which makes up the southern trip. Other games while in the South will be played at Raleigh, N. C., and Washington. The Elms have booked two games with Penn, the first to be played on Franklin Field April 14 and the return contest at New Haven May 12. Two games each also are scheduled with Princeton and Harvard, and in case of a tie provisions have been made for the play-off of the third game. The schedule includes the annual game with the Glants to be played at the Polo Grounds on April 11. Lehigh and Lafayette are were awarded dates, the contests to be staged at New Haven, Fordham, Amherst, Williams, Virginia, Dartmouth, Cornell, Holy Cross, Tufts and Brown also will oppose Yale.

JACK SPROUL BREAKS NOSE

Swarthmore Basketball Captain Gets Bump, to Play With Nose Guard

SWARTHMORE, Pa., Dec. 8.—While engaged in basketball scrimmages yesterday Jack Sproul, the big captain of the Swarthmore team, received a bump on the nose which broke his nose. Sproul is playing his fourth year on the varsity. Last year Coach Kierke shifted him to forward, where he played most of the season. The bump was not serious, but it is expected that he will play with a nose guard during the latter part of the season with a twisted knee, appeared on the basketball floor for the first time yesterday and demonstrated that his eye is all that it used to be.

Suggests New Salary Limit

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—President A. R. Tearney, of the Three-Eye League, urged that a special meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues be called to consider legislation which he believes will relieve the financial condition of minor league clubs. The remedy for this situation, he believes, lies in the reorganization of the leagues and a new salary limit agreed upon.

Grand Circuit for Readville

ROSTON, Dec. 8.—A proposal of Boston businessmen has been formed for the purpose of having a Grand Circuit meeting at Readville, Mass. A group headed by Charles W. Leonard, a retired manufacturer, will finance the project and negotiations are now under way with A. J. Welch, who holds title to the track.

Garnet Freshmen Beat Sophs

SWARTHMORE, Pa., Dec. 3.—Swarthmore freshmen defeated the sophomores in the annual battle by the score of 6 to 0 in a hard-fought game. The game was played at the gymnasium and the freshmen showed a forward pass to Cleaver, who ran ten yards to the line. This broke a difficult goal.

AMATEUR SOCCER NOTES

The Frankford F. R. T. team wants to arrange a game with the Philadelphia team. The Philadelphia team is now in the city. The Philadelphia team is now in the city.

Close Game at Leesport

LEESPORT, Pa., Dec. 8.—Leesport added another game to its record by defeating the Philadelphia team in a close game. The Philadelphia team is now in the city.

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MAJOR LEAGUE RUN-GETTING HONORS BELONG TO GRANEY, WHO SCORES 106 ON 142 HITS

Cobb Leads With 113 Tallies, but Georgian Pounded Out 201 Hits and Batted .371 Against .241 for Cleveland

By GRANTLAND RICE

THE great run-makers of baseball last season were Ty Cobb, Jack Graney, George Burns and Tris Speaker. These were the only four to cross the home plate on more than 100 occasions. The great run-maker of the four was Jack Graney. He was next to Cobb, with 106 precious tallies, against 113 for Ty; but, despite these figures, Graney's work as a tally producer was more sensational. Cobb batted .371, Speaker .386 and Burns .379. Graney batted but .341. Cobb made 201 hits, Speaker 215, Burns 174. Graney made only 142 safe wall-pops. Graney, however, had this advantage: He had Tris Speaker to bat him home, and Tris last season rarely failed in the pinch. When the big moment was due, the Texan was there with the punch. Granting this, it is more than a rare occasion for a .340 hitter to score over 100 runs. The paucity of the precious tally can be estimated when it is figured that only four men out of 100 or more can reach the century mark in a season. And even 100 runs is considerably less than an average of one run to the game.

Jackson's Place Jackson may not be the greatest ball player in the game, but his place as a Son of Swat in the Order-of-the-Battling-Sons is fixed. It is a rare occasion when Jackson fails to produce 100 or more hits a season. And when you figure the number of men who have accumulated 200 hits in one campaign for the last ten years Jackson's batting ability will be better understood. The Greenville Sluggo Gun now has been in the Upper Row for six years. In three of these he has gathered in more than 200 hits and in five of his six seasons he has ranged above 340. Over the full distance Jackson runs next to Cobb, with Speaker and Collins in a grapple for third place.

There may be no decline eastern-foot-ball championship, comments W. N. J., "but what team had the best record?" Pittsburgh, without further debate. Penn Has Come Back It would be a fine thing next season to see Penn upon a Yale, Princeton or Harvard schedule. Penn, under Fowell, has come back to its old place. The Red and Blue eleven plays clean, interesting football and to have it re-entered with an old rival would add more than a trifle to the general interest of a fall campaign.

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